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Filed: July 7, 2003	)	Examiner: Unassigned
For: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD	)	<b>Mail Stop Missing Parts</b>
OF MECHANICALLY COUPLING	)	
PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES	)	

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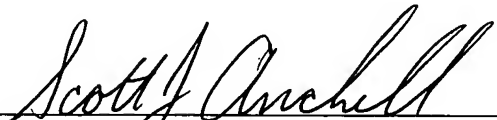
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Respectfully submitted,

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	6,271,462	08/07/2001	Tsuzuki, <i>et al.</i>			
	6,111,189	08/29/2000	Garvison, <i>et al.</i>			
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	5,571,338	11/05/1996	Kadonome, <i>et al.</i>			
	5,115,893	05/26/1992	Terkildsen			
	4,167,644	09/11/1979	Kurth, <i>et al.</i>			

**U.S. PATENT PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

*Examiner Initial	Application Number	Publication Date	Name	Title
	2002/0078991	06/27/2002	Nagao, <i>et al.</i>	Solar Battery, Solar Generating Apparatus, and Building
	2002/0038667	04/04/2002	Kondo, <i>et al.</i>	Solar Battery Module and Power Generation Apparatus

**U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS**

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	10/612,873	07/07/2003	Brown, <i>et al.</i>	Apparatus, System and Method of Electrically Coupling Photovoltaic Modules
	10/612,891	07/07/2003	Brown, <i>et al.</i>	Apparatus, System and Method of Diagnosing Individual Photovoltaic Modules

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	<u>Translation</u> YES NO
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